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State's Hog & Pig Inventory Unchanged from June

HARRISBURG, PA, Sept 29, 2011 - - According to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), there were 1,100,000 hogs and pigs on Pennsylvania farms on September 1, 2011. This estimated inventory was unchanged from the June 1 inventory and 50,000 head less than a year ago.

Market hog inventory, at 1,010,000 head, increased 5,000 head from June, but was down 35,000 head from September 2010; while the breeding herd inventory, at 90,000 head, was down 5,000 head from June, and 15,000 head below one year ago. The June-August 2011 pig crop totaled 469,000 head, down 6,000 head from the same period a year ago. There were 46,000 sows farrowed during the quarter, 4,000 fewer than the previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51.1 percent of the breeding herd. The average litter rate was 10.2 pigs saved per litter, unchanged from the previous quarter, and up from the 9.5 pigs per litter average from a year ago.

Pennsylvania hog farmers intend to have 46,000 sows farrow during the September-November 2011 quarter, 3,000 less than actually farrowed for the same period in 2010; and intend to have 46,000 sows farrow during the December 2011-February 2012 quarter, 1,000 less than actually farrowed December 2010-February 2011 quarter.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2011, was 66.6 million head. This was up 1 percent from September 1, 2010, and up 3 percent from June 1, 2011. Breeding inventory, at 5.81 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.8 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, an up 3 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2011 U.S. pig crop, at 29.1 million head, was up 1 percent from both 2010 and 2009. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from 2010, and down 2 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.03 for the June-August 2011 period, compared to 9.81 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the September-November 2011 quarter, down slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2010, and down 1 percent from 2009. Intended farrowings for December 2011-February 2012, at 2.86 million sows, are up slightly from 2011, but down 1 percent from 2010.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 46 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 43 percent last year.

Hogs and Pigs – Sept 1, 2011, Comparisons to Previous Year by Percent

Item	PA (percent)	US (percent)
All hogs and pigs, Sept 1	96.0	101.0
Breeding Herd	86.0	101.0
Market Hogs	97.0	101.0
Jun-Aug Pig Crop	99.0	101.0
Jun-Aug Pigs per Litter	107.4	102.2
Jun-Aug Farrowings	92.0	99.0
Sep-Nov Farrowing Intentions	94.0	100.0
Dec-Feb Farrowing Intentions	98.0	100.0

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